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**Amendments To The Claims**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

**Listing Of Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

**Claims 1-6 (Cancelled)**

**Claim 7 (Previously Presented)** An aqueous solution of a solid composition comprising a meiosis activating substance (MAS) and an additive which is a protein or a phosphoglyceride, wherein the solid composition has a content of protein or phosphoglyceride higher than 99 % (weight/weight).

**Claim 8 (Cancelled)**

**Claim 9 (Previously Presented)** The aqueous solution of claim 7, wherein the content of MAS is at least 0.001 µg/ml.

**Claim 10 (Previously Presented)** The aqueous solution of claim 9, wherein the content of MAS is not more than 0.1 g/ml.

**Claim 11 (Previously Presented)** The aqueous solution of claim 7, comprising an organic solvent content of less than 0.1% (weight/weight).

**Claims 12-25 (Cancelled)**

**Claim 26 (Previously Presented)** The composition of claim 1, wherein said composition has a content of protein or phosphoglyceride higher than 99 % (weight/weight).

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**Claim 27 (Previously Presented)** A device comprising a hollow containing the composition of claim 26.

**Claim 28 (Previously Presented)** An aqueous solution comprising a meiosis activating substance (MAS) and an additive which is a protein or a phosphoglyceride, wherein the ratio of MAS to said protein or phosphoglyceride in said aqueous solution is at least 1:150 (weight/weight).

**Claim 29 (Previously Presented)** The solution of claim 28, wherein said additive is a protein.

**Claim 30 (Previously Presented)** The solution of claim 29, wherein the protein is human serum albumin.

**Claim 31 (Previously Presented)** The solution of claim 30, wherein the human serum albumin is recombinant human serum albumin.

**Claim 32 (Previously Presented)** The solution of claim 28, wherein the content of MAS is at least 0.001 µg/ml.

**Claim 33 (Previously Presented)** The solution of claim 32, wherein the content of MAS is not more than 0.1 g/ml.

**Claim 34 (Previously Presented)** The solution of claim 28, wherein said solution comprises an organic solvent content of less than 0.1%.

**Claim 35 (Previously Presented)** A solid composition comprising 4,4-dimethyl-5α-cholesta-8,14,24-triene-3β-ol and an additive which is a protein or a phosphoglyceride.

**Claim 36 (Previously Presented)** The composition of claim 35, wherein said composition has a content of water of below 10% (weight/weight).

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**Claim 37 (Previously Presented)** The composition of claim 35, wherein said composition has a content of water of below 5% (weight/weight).

**Claim 38 (Previously Presented)** The composition of claim 35, wherein said composition has a content of water of below 1% (weight/weight).

**Claim 39 (Previously Presented)** The composition of claim 35, wherein said composition has a content of organic solvent of below 10% (weight/weight).

**Claim 40 (Previously Presented)** The composition of claim 35, wherein said composition has a content of organic solvent of below 5% (weight/weight).

**Claim 41 (Previously Presented)** The composition of claim 35, wherein said composition has a content of organic solvent of below 1% (weight/weight).

**Claim 42 (Previously Presented)** The composition of claim 35, wherein said composition has a content of 4,4-dimethyl-5 $\alpha$ -cholesta-8,14,24-triene-3 $\beta$ -ol of below 50% (weight/weight).

**Claim 43 (Previously Presented)** The composition of claim 35, wherein said composition has a content of 4,4-dimethyl-5 $\alpha$ -cholesta-8,14,24-triene-3 $\beta$ -ol of below 20% (weight/weight).

**Claim 44 (Previously Presented)** The composition of claim 35, wherein said composition has a content of 4,4-dimethyl-5 $\alpha$ -cholesta-8,14,24-triene-3 $\beta$ -ol of below 10% (weight/weight).

**Claim 45 (Previously Presented)** The composition of claim 35, wherein said additive is a protein.

**Claim 46 (Previously Presented)** The composition of claim 45, wherein said protein is human serum albumin.

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**Claim 47 (Previously Presented)** An aqueous solution comprising the composition of claim 35.

**Claim 48 (Previously Presented)** A device comprising a hollow containing the composition of claim 35.

**Claim 49 (Previously Presented)** A device comprising a hollow containing the solution of claim 47.

**Claim 50 (Previously Presented)** A device comprising a hollow containing the solution of claim 7.

**Claim 51 (Previously Presented)** An aqueous solution comprising the composition of claim 26.

**Claim 52 (Previously Presented)** A device comprising a hollow containing the solution of claim 51.